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By Kyle Jensen, Extension Field Agronomist

The second Western Iowa No-tillers (WIN) Demonstration Field Day is planned for Tuesday, June 16 near Shelby, Iowa. Over 200 producers and agriculture professionals attended the daylong event in 2008 to learn more about implementing no-till practices. No-till farming practices provide a positive option for southwest Iowa producers who have highly erodible soils in their fields and are dealing with increasing input costs. To accommodate an anticipated larger audience, more equipment displays and increased parking, the 2009 event will be held at the Carstens 1880 Farmstead just south of Shelby, Iowa.

Field day speakers will include Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, DTN Ag Meteorologist Bryce Anderson and ISU Extension Ag Economist, Chad Hart. A panel of area farmers with years of no-till practices experience will be on hand to answer questions. Prominent no-till farmer Randy Rink of Pender, Nebraska will also be in attendance to discuss cover crop usage.

Topics at this year's field day will also include corn on corn, fertilizer placement and cover crops. Field trials will feature planting in corn stubble and the use of the latest no-till equipment. At least six different cover crops used in row-crop fields will be shown in a separate demonstration plot. Presentations will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Harrison County Cattlemen. The day will conclude by 2 p.m.

There is no charge for the day, but pre-registration is required by June 11 for the noon meal. The [program brochure and registration form](#) are available online and at the Harrison County office. Registration can be completed by e-mailing csgorham@iastate.edu. Registrations may also be faxed to 712-644-2100 or be mailed to: ISU Extension Harrison County, 304 East 7 St., Logan, IA 51546. For more information contact the Harrison County Extension Office at 888-644-2105.

This event is sponsored by NRCS, ISU Extension and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in Harrison, Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties. Sponsors for the day include the Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Cargill Ag Horizons, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Midstates Bank, Shelby County State Bank, Heller Implement, Brokaw Equipment, United Bank of Iowa, the Iowa Soybean Association, A&M Green Power, Titan Machinery, Heartland Technology Solutions, Sorensen Equipment Company and Arbor Bank.

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